

laughingman tries to count to 90.....

Posted by laughingman - 14 Mar 2013 16:01

as of today all my posts are here as far as my own topics are concerned

i have had 2 falls but i am now a week into a new streak

i have had success in breaking some previously unbreakable habits

not m***** habits ...thoses i have dealt with somewhat but even farther

as a result of the rules that i follow through the 90 days and though i have slips about once in 2-3 days every day foward breaks that tooo down so that it becomes less frequentand eventually non-existent

i recently got the s3 and i have had soo far Thank G-d no desire to sttempt to use it for searching ****

i personnaly dont use software barriers for myself (for my kids i do of course)

i can break them too easy ...the only way out is personal honesty

as all of these things are for now personal actions

and it is working ...hopefully it will continue though im sure the real war is coming

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....

Posted by OTR - 21 Feb 2016 21:54

LM I clicked on your thread from hte 90 day chart. Having sobriety and losing it, and then coming back is a real fight. Never give up, your perseverance is an inspiration to me.. I took far too long to get back and while I work toward 90, I am beginning to see that the reality is not the count, but the willingness to keep coming back and start again if need be...

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....

Posted by laughingman - 22 Feb 2016 21:14

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....

Posted by Gevura Shebyesod - 22 Feb 2016 21:38

[laughingman wrote on 22 Feb 2016 21:14:](#)

....i think we have come to the new realization that all we have is each other and that we arent perfect and thats ok

That is more than OK, that is HUGE!

Continued progress!

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....

Posted by OTR - 22 Feb 2016 23:25

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Well that certainly is a mouthful or a screenful LM. I can't comment on all of it at this time, and some of it I don't think I would comment on at all. But what you say regarding the ruchniyus aspect of it really resonates. I also only 'feel' bad when I ejaculate. But that is wrong. It is the frummi in me. My real problem is using lust in any way. From the first look, to beginning to lust and delve into thoughts or images.. to masturbation. Even just starting it... That is where I have crossed the line into acting out- acting on my lust. Seeing it here in black and white makes me realize how much I have been going about this the wrong way by only getting upset at myself when I 'finish'

This is because... If I only feel guilty when I finish, I can start because maybe I won't finish... right!? What usually winds up happening is that I finish in any case which is bad and I feel guilty. When I don't finish, I go away and think I am ok... But I am really not. I just lusted, and for me that was not 'just' an aveira, but acting on a set of internal compulsions that will ultimately kill me. Just like a drug addict dies from his addiction, and an alcoholic may die from his... mine will lead me to death. Maybe through disease, maybe through looking just a little too long at a billboard or another driver while on the highway... maybe by keeping mein constant depression which will of course lead to other health problems.. But it will kill me.

Really I need to understand that the **starting** is the problem. The masturbation is already acting out for me and any masturbation addict. Even before masturbating I am acting out. And that is what I need a support group and other addicts to help me recover from.

What does NOT work for me, EVER is thinking about punishment. Gehinom, Yom Kippur, knassing myself.. all that stuff just has me glazing my eyes over in depression and it doesn't get me toward not acting out. Sure feels bad... Makes me believe I am committing... but never improved a bit. Not one bit from it.

I mean ti me it is an inspiration that you had sobriety and lost it and came back... Right now I need that inspiration. I had a good stretch of sobriety, lost it and really lost it... and now I want to come back. Seeing others working recovery, even slipping back into acting out sometimes but still getting back to working recovery is what it takes for me to believe I can do it too.

If you are an addict, which you sound like you may be... you are sick. Sick means you need to get medicine. I don't believe Hashem will punish me for being sick... He made me sick and knows how sick I am... but for not taking my medicine, I can be held accountable.

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LM,

Whoa, it sounds like you're in a lot of emotional pain. It hurts my heart to read it because you sound like a real neshama. Something about your post and the deep honesty and emotion in it just really pulls at my emotion and makes me feel for you.

The progress you describe is huge, and you can't jinx it bc it didn't come by accident- it sounds like you've either worked on it or come to some sort of realization.

So many of us have been on and off the wagon, and since someone is always falling off, there's always an empty seat- so hop on! The chevra here can definitely help you tons.

Let us know how we can help.

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....

Posted by markz - 23 Feb 2016 02:35

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Seems like I've seen this kind of posting.....not sure where.....Markz, you're really something else. And I love having back the old signature- that new one didn't do it for me, although the revolving sign was pretty cool.

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....

Posted by laughingman - 23 Feb 2016 05:25

Thank you all ...its nice that soo many people anticipate these posts of minei actually feel alot better as a whole, although i still struggle ...but i feel slightly lighter, but not for the past mistakes....

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....
Posted by laughingman - 05 Mar 2016 21:24

Im not even sure why i post anymorewhen i first started this threadhad i taken in what was my real problemsi donnoit doesnt matteri dont know if theres a point to anything i dowhen i was younger i swore up and down i would accomplish certain thingsand here i amin my 30s ...and not only havent i accomplished the positive things i wanted to but i flushed whatever i could have donei just kept thinking "i have time" but i ran outa time about 3 years agoi just wish G-d would end it all nowi dont understand why im still alivejust to suffer more? ...i cant leave, i have not many if anyone to talk to, i feel soo lostall i do here is act outand talk about it like im some kind of heroi feel like such a jerkat heart i am sure im some kind of good person with maybe some anger issues or bi polarbut i never had a chance really to deal with these as a married adultsure when i was a kid it was easy to get pumped full of meds and get carted to whatever psych guy they had on staffbut when i moved i had no idea how bad it was gonna getsure there are others who worsened things ...but my problems were my ownand no one elsesand i wasnt taking responsibilitynow soo many things are too lateand my wife tells me she cant get over some thingsif you have had sa and your wife stands by you you hold onto her like shes is DIAMOND and do whatever it takes to honor her dont screw up like mei dont even see hkw things could ever get betterall i do is act outand let my frustration get to me

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....
Posted by Watson - 05 Mar 2016 22:32

Thank you Laughingman for your honest share.

I was on this forum well over a year (after trying to quit for a couple of years already), acting out regularly and feeling like crap before I finally got fed up enough to do something different. I had so many people telling me that my thread helped them, but I felt terrible. My writing on this forum seemed to help other people but not me, I was still stuck acting out all the time. Why should I sacrifice myself for the forum? Should I continue as I am and write about my pain on

here so that others can get chizzuk from it? Sorry but I'm not interested in being a hero, I just want to be OK.

At some point I acted out one time too many and something inside me changed. I just couldn't continue like this. I became desperate. That's when I joined SA and that's been the best thing for me.

Not that joining SA itself got me sober. I went to meetings and read the books, waiting for G-d to remove the obsession, so I wouldn't have to struggle any more, but He didn't. It was a while and another case of acting out once too many before I became desperate enough to actually do the work. Thank G-d everything in my life has become better since then.

I can relate to the feeling that it's all hopeless, what's the use. I felt that way many times. I tried so hard and fell flat on my face, so empty and defeated. But in the end it was the feeling of hopelessness that started me on the road to better things.

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....
Posted by markz - 06 Mar 2016 00:30

There's some guys older than 50 on this site in recovery, if you want you can wait till then to find a therapist or join SA, no one will tell you what to do

Were here to listen

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....
Posted by cordnoy - 06 Mar 2016 01:22

Ditto to the doc.

I don't believe I was suffering but I couldn't get it under control.

SA was a huge turning point for me.

We spoke once on the phone. Can we do it again?

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....

Posted by Watson - 13 Mar 2016 17:00

How's it going R' Laughingman?

BTW I'd love to speak with you over the phone. You can private message me any time.

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Re: laughingman tries to count to 90.....

Posted by Dov - 15 Mar 2016 03:51

Just as long as you don't forget that you are a good man, laughy. And we like you. And we are also like you.

Lots of liking going around here...

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